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1. The Wissenschaftliche-Technische Büro, Warnemünde, is situated in the Hotel Germania. The nearby Hotel Jansen was also being overhauled and was to become part of the Büro on about 1 October 1947.
2. About eighty to ninety engineers are at present employed in the Hotel Germania. The Soviet personnel are housed on the first floor, Ober Ing. Walter Schlaak and his staff occupy the second floor, while Röese, the marine engineer and Heinrich Schlapper, the ship designer, occupy the third floor. The German staff is to be increased to 250 as quickly as possible.

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3. Schlaak very satisfied with the work and with the treatment from the Russians. He believes that the Russians in turn are quite satisfied with him. an officer from Moscow had visited the Büro in September.
4. Schlaak program included the construction of M43's, torpedo boats, "gedeckte" cruisers, and the construction, in addition, of new docks for this building program. saw the blueprint of such a new dock.

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5. The engineers receive 1,500 RM per month, while Schlaak himself receives an extra 400 RM monthly, tax-free. The daily rations are 450 grams of bread and 50 grams of meat. Nine hundred grams of butter are received every month. A monthly parcel is also given containing ten lbs of flour, six lbs of meat, 200 cigarettes, plus coffee, tea, sugar, etc.
6. The Soviets showed interest in Schlaak and engaged his services because of his extensive knowledge of the M43 type vessel and the construction of A2 submarines. The Russians were also interested in the fact that he had in his possession a complete set of micro-photographic plans covering all sections of the M43. This was the only set in existence.
7. Schlaak informed the Soviets that he was in a position to develop cruiser construction on their behalf, and was instructed by them to do so. For this reason, Schlaak has been making frequent visits to in order to recruit engineers and specialists to help in carrying out this work.

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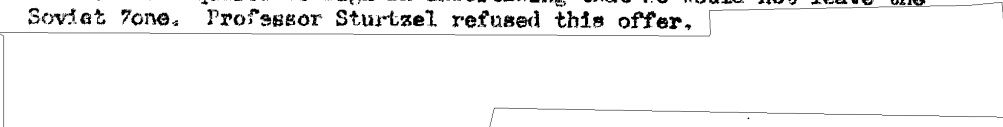
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8. Schlaack has approached several engineers formerly employed by Schichau, Königsberg, [redacted] has also attempted to obtain plans from engineers employed by [redacted]. So far, his efforts in this direction have met with only moderate success. Although he has recruited approximately thirty engineers, these are not sufficiently qualified to carry out the type of construction required. 50X1-HUM
9. Schlapper left on 5 July 1947 for Warnemünde, where he is scheduled to carry out work on a drydock for M-boats. He was offered a monthly salary of RM 2,000, an apartment, a Category 1 ration card, and other special facilities.
10. Professor Sturtzel, a marine engineer, formerly of the Technische Hochschule, [redacted] was recently approached by Frau Bestak, a former secretary of Professor Kienzie at the Technische Hochschule, Berlin. He had already received an offer to work for the Soviets in the autumn of 1946 through a former secretary in the Hochschule. 50X1-HUM
11. Frau Bestak was [redacted] "a chief WVD agent" at the Technische Hochschule. Her proposal was that a large construction research office initially to be located at Berlin-Köpenick, should be established under Sturtzel's direction. The office would be devoted to the reconstruction of the Soviet merchant fleet. Sturtzel would first visit "all Soviet shipyards", and would later be required to work in the USSR. He would further be required to sign an undertaking that he would not leave the Soviet Zone. Professor Sturtzel refused this offer. 50X1-HUM



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